



City of Seattle
Mayor Edward B. Murray

January 30, 2014

The Honorable Tim Burgess
President, Seattle City Council
Seattle City Hall, 2nd Floor
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Council President Burgess:

I am pleased to transmit to the City Council the following confirmation packet for my appointment of Ben Noble as the Director of the City Budget Office.

The materials in this packet are divided into two sections:

A. Director name

This section contains Ben Noble's appointment and oath of office forms, his resume, and the press release announcing his appointment.

B. Background Checks

This section contains the Mayor's Office report on Ben Noble's background check.

Ben Noble has worked for the Seattle City Council since 2000, and has served as the Director of the Council's Central Staff since 2006. In this role he has managed a staff of sixteen professional policy analysts who provide research and recommendations to all nine Councilmembers, and led the Council's annual budget review process. This work has provided him a rich background and considerable experience in the full range of policy issues that Seattle faces. For several years before joining the City, Ben worked in the private sector conducting policy analysis for a variety of local and regional governments on a consulting basis. Ben moved to Seattle in 1989 to attend the University of Washington, where he completed masters and doctorate degrees in economics.

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Ben's extensive legislative experience, strong understanding of the City's budget, budget process and fiscal policy are the perfect fit for his leadership role as City Budget Director. Ben is a tremendous asset to the City of Seattle and I urge you to confirm him.

If you have any questions about the attached materials or need additional information, please contact Uriel Ybarra of my office, at 206-684-8162, or via e-mail, at uriel.ybarra@seattle.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed B. Murray", written over a horizontal line.

Edward B. Murray
Mayor, City of Seattle